



Bible Vision

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Give Thanks

Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord;
for he is good: for his mercy endureth for
ever.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who
can shew forth all his praise?

Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that
doeth righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou
bearest unto thy people: O visit me with
thy salvation;

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting
to everlasting: and let all the people say,
Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

—Psalm 106:1-4, 48.

From



The President

In the 17th chapter of John we are introduced to one of the most sacred events in the life of Jesus—His prayer uttered in the very shadow of the cross. It has well been called the High Priestly prayer of our Lord, for He here prayed for His own. It is no doubt the kind of petition that the Lord Jesus is now praying as He intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father.

The chapter opens as the entrance to a sanctuary, we feel like treading softly. "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son." And as we proceed, our hearts are hushed by the sacredness of the experience; we enter the sanctuary of the heart. The feelings, the aspirations, the desires, the mood of the Lord Jesus are revealed here. Well has it been said that no voice which has ever been heard, either in heaven or in earth, has been more exalted, more holy, more sublime than this prayer offered by the Son of God.

The main burden of the prayer is the security, the unity, and sanctification of His followers. It is very significant that Jesus did not pray for the world: "I pray for them (His disciples), I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me." Not that our Lord was not concerned for the world of the unsaved, but the only way that He had of bringing His saving gospel to them was through His followers.

And only as this prayer would be answered in their lives would the world hear that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that, whosoever believeth in Him need not perish, but he might have everlasting life.

As we observe the petitions of Jesus for His disciples, let us remember that He prayed for them, He prays for us. What He earnestly wanted for them, He wants for us.

He prayed for their security. "Keep through thine own those whom thou hast given me." He recognized the difficulties, the opposition, the weaknesses and the temptations that His followers would experience. While He was uttering this prayer, one who had been an intimate follower was then engaged in making a deal with His enemies to betray Him. Here the Great High Priest, who was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, was crying to the Father: "KEEP through thine own name those whom thou hast given me."

He prayed also that they might be one. Jesus had in mind much more than formal or organizational unity. If all Christians would have to belong to the same church, they would likely be far from one in spirit and purpose and love. Our Lord had a spiritual unity in mind by which His followers would be

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ACCREDITATION ACHIEVED...

BY THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

October 20, 1948, was a historic occasion for the Bible institute movement and for Fort Wayne Bible Institute in particular. On that day the first schools were accredited by the newly formed Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges and thereby became charter members of the organization. Fort Wayne was one of eighteen schools accredited in the collegiate group. Twelve other schools were accredited in the intermediate group.

Other schools accredited on the collegiate level were Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Central Bible Institute (Springfield, Mo.), Chicago Evangelistic Institute, Cleveland Bible College, Columbia Bible College (Columbia, S. C.), Denver Bible Institute, Grace Bible Institute (Omaha, Nebr.), Messiah Bible College (Grantham, Pa.), Minnesota Bible College (Minneapolis), Missionary Training Institute (Nyack, N. Y.), Pacific Bible College (Azusa, Calif.), Pacific Bible Institute (Fresno, Calif.), Providence Bible Institute (Providence, R. I.), Rockmont College (Denver, Colo.), Simpson Bible Institute (Seattle, Wash.), Southern California Bible College (Los Angeles), and Southwestern Bible Institute (Waxatache, Texas).

The AABIBC held its second annual meeting in Chicago from October 19 to 21. Some fifty delegates were present from forty-three schools having a combined day school enrollment of over 13,000. Dr. Samuel Sutherland of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles presided over the convention and Dean Terrelle Crum of Providence Bible Institute served as the Secretary. The Executive Board met for a five-day period before the convention to evaluate the reports of the examiners and to prepare its recommendations to the Association.

Besides the formal organization of the Association and routine business, there were many helpful and inspirational features. Dr. Wallace Emerson presented prepared reports of various phases of Bible school education and led the discussions that followed. There were devotional messages and seasons of prayer when God's blessing was invoked and His presence felt. One of the addresses given was that by Dr. Enoch Dyrness, Vice-President of Wheaton College and Chairman of the Commission on Evangelical Institutions of the National Association of Evangelicals. The address, in part, follows:

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Talents

---their use and abuse

Matthew 25:14-30

By Rev. B. F. Leightner

The parable of the talents teaches the importance of faithful stewardship. It follows immediately the one concerning the ten virgins, which was intended to set forth the spiritual qualifications necessary in order to be ready for the Lord's return. This one shows the importance of being diligent in the use of the talents committed to us in view of His coming. The former has to do particularly with our life or what we are. The latter, with our labors or what we do. In the former we are admonished to watch, in the latter we are encouraged to work. In the former we are urged to be in a state of readiness so we may enter in with our Heavenly Bridegroom when He comes. In the latter we are invited to faithfulness so that we may not need to be ashamed, but have an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom.

The "man" traveling in a far country is Christ. The "far country" is heaven (John 14:2-6; cf. 20:17). He has gone there to receive unto Himself a kingdom, then to return (Luke 19:11, 12). The "servants" to whom He delivered His goods are His own disciples. The "talents" entrusted to them are

the gifts of the Spirit (Romans 12:6-8, I Cor. 12:4-11; cf. Eph. 4:8, 11, 12, I Peter 4:10). They may also represent strength, freedom, knowledge, position, influence, possession, opportunity, time, ability to preach, write or sing, and the like.

The talents were distributed according to the Master's wisdom and purpose. To one He gave five; to another, two; and to another one. These were entrusted to the men on the basis of the ability each possessed (vs. 15). No one was left without at least one talent—He divided to every man (vs. 15; cf. I Cor. 12:11). The value of a silver talent was about \$2,000. The one who had the least had a considerable capital to work with. The talents or gifts were given to "profit withal" (I Cor. 12:7). They were not to be used for selfish purposes, they were still the Master's goods (vs. 14). For one to have used them for himself would have made him guilty of embezzlement. There was no real ground for complaint on the part of the one who received the least, because both the "servants" and the "goods" belonged to the Master and therefore

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He had the authority to do as He would. Moreover, since this "Man" represents the Lord Jesus Christ, He could not make a mistake in the requirements made of each. He is infinite in wisdom and knew each one's capacity. Besides, he who received five talents had much greater responsibility than the ones who had a fewer number (Luke 12:48).

Having committed His goods to His servants, the Master departed. The servants were now responsible for what would be done with their Master's possessions during His long absence. What a tremendous responsibility this was!

The servant to whom had been given five talents immediately invested them so that in time they were doubled. The term "straight-way" belongs to verse 16 and shows the spirit of promptness with which the servant assumed his obligation. Likewise, the one who was entrusted with two gained other two. Although the measure of their responsibility was very unequal, yet they were both equally faithful in discharging their duties. Each increased his capital one hundred per cent. From the experience of these two men we can learn that our God-given talents can be increased by proper attention and usage. Does this explain the reason why Paul admonished Timothy to stir up the gifts which had been bestowed upon him by the laying on of hands (II Timothy 1:6)?

The one-talented man stands in sharp contrast to the other two. Instead of investing the money entrusted to him, he buried it. There it could be of no use to anyone. He was probably peeved because he was given so much less than the other two servants. Perhaps he considered the amount too small with which to begin business, but it is

more likely that he was too selfish and too lazy to exert any effort for the benefit of another. This seems to be suggested by verse 26. His heart attitude was not right. It is very probable that he would have done the same thing if he had been given five talents, but it seems that it is most common for one-talented persons to take such an attitude. They are most apt to compare themselves with those who are blessed with more gifts. Because someone else possesses greater ability than they, they simply fail to use the one gift which God has bestowed upon them. This is a most serious mistake. Had he but gained one talent more, he would have increased his capital one hundred per cent as the others did.

"After a long time the lord of those servants cometh." These words indicate that a considerable period of time might elapse between Christ's ascension and His return. About nineteen hundred years have already intervened.

When Christ returns He will call His servants unto Him to render an account of their stewardship just as the servants in the parable were summoned to report to their lord. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of the deeds done in the body (Romans 14:10, 3:12-15, II Cor. 5:10). This applies to believers who are to be judged when Christ returns with reference to the rewards they are to receive for service performed for Christ.

The first to present himself before his lord was the servant who had received five talents. He was commended for his faithfulness and bidden to enter into the joy of his lord.

The man who had received two talents also came gladly. He had

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F. W. B. I. Cooperates in "Christ for Fort Wayne"



The above photograph shows a section of the large crowds which attended the three-week "Christ for Fort Wayne Campaign." The Spirit of God was made manifest in these services as is seen in the fact that definite spiritual victories were won each night during the campaign. Dr. Jesse Hendley of Atlanta, Georgia, was the evangelist (Picture at left).

F. W. B. I. was happy to give full co-operation to this effort, and the following picture story shows you

some of the active work by the students and faculty in bringing Christ to Fort Wayne.

Many B. I. students gave freely of their time in helping the publicity committee extend a personal invitation to every family in the city. Information leaflets announcing the campaign were left at each home. Pictured here are DeWitte Hall and John Trusdle making such a call.



Students returning to campus after an evening service



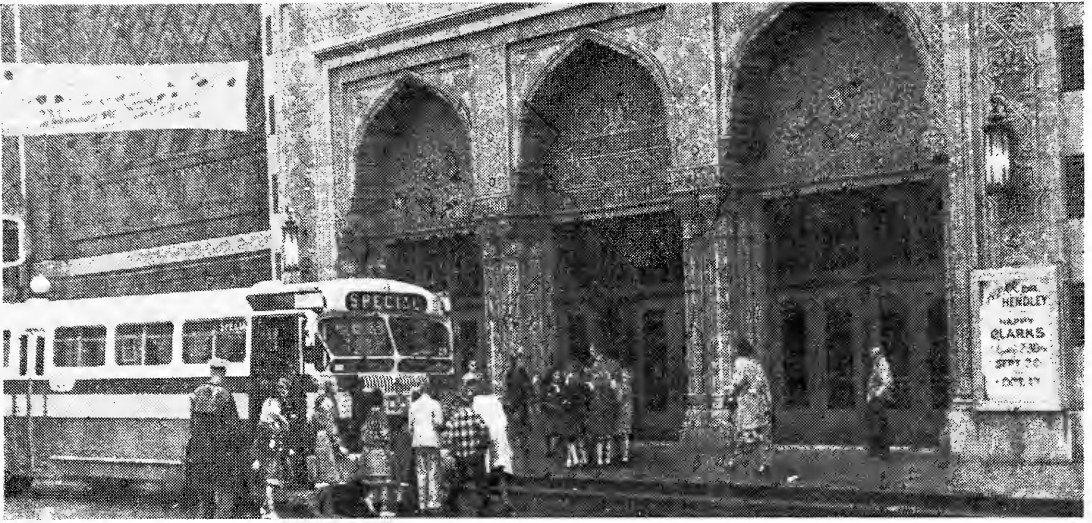


Students entering the Quimby Auditorium for one of the services



The Happy Clarks,
song evangelists of
Philadelphia, Pa.

Prof. Ira Gerig
B. I. Instructor, at the organ



Children arriving at the Quimby Auditorium for the Saturday afternoon children's meetings. B. I. Students served as personal workers



Children attending their special services. Below: B. I. Students, (left) Mr. Max Applegate, pastor of Hollywood Miss. Church, and Miss Eleanor Wann (right), S. S. teacher at Harlan Meth. Church, with their classes. (Center) Miss Maryann Keener, student-personal worker



A College Administrator Looks At the Bible Institute

You are met in what I believe is an epoch-making meeting. The entire field of Christian education stands to benefit by the decisions made here. I trust due publicity will be given to your deliberations. The world should know that standing for the essentials of our faith does not make us funny-mentalists!

It is a delight to have this opportunity to congratulate you upon the progress which you are making to place your institutions on the highest academic as well as spiritual level. It is a source of gratification that you have been brought together in this common effort and that you are at this time bringing to fruition the dream that some of you have had for years.

May I pay tribute to the splendid service which you have rendered to the cause of Christ during the decades that have gone, and voice the hope that your service and usefulness will be greatly increased in the years to come, should our Lord tarry. No thinking person would minimize the effect that the Bible schools of our country have had upon the cause of Christ here at home and in the regions beyond. I thank God for the many blessings that have come into my own life through the ministry of men trained in our Bible institutes and colleges.

As I view the Bible school program, I look at it not only as a college administrator but also as a member of a foreign mission board, which during the past few years has sent out scores of Bible-institute and Bible-college trained young people to the far corners of the world. We are all aware of the changes which have taken place in the world during recent years, which have a direct bearing on the training of our young people. There is an ever-increasing demand for trained leadership in every field, and the capacity of institutions providing training for Christian leadership is pitifully limited. The demand on our mission fields is for better trained missionaries and the same is true here at home. Personally, I have been gratified to note the tremendous strides taken by many Bible schools and colleges during recent years to strengthen their program.

When the matter of accreditation was first mentioned, there were those, I am told, who expressed the fear that the Bible institutes would lose their spirituality if they endeavored to meet certain educational standards. My observation has been that the schools that have strengthened their academic programs have not lost any of their spiritual warmth, and in many cases, I am sure that the spiritual life is stronger today than it ever has been. I am sure we should all agree that we do not honor the Lord when we do a second-rate piece of work. On the other hand, the Lord is honored when we do a creditable job. If the world insists on high standards, certainly the Lord's people cannot do less. . . .

Through the various agencies seeking to reach our young people for Christ, such as Youth for Christ, Young Life Campaign, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Rural Bible Crusade, and many others, thousands of young people are being led to dedicate their lives to Christian service. Unfortunately, there are not enough Christian institutions in the country to provide training for all those wishing to secure it. This means that only a limited number of Christian young people of our land can be accommodated in existing institutions. While this is to be regretted, it never-

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Fellowship Circle

TWINS? Not Quite—

Sharon Lucille was born to Richard and Dorothy Hesselbart ('39) Baker, Muskegon, Mich., on Aug. 26, and Cheryl Anne was born to Bruce ('45-'48) and Janice Hesselbart ('44-'46) Harris, Fort Wayne, on the same day. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Harris are sisters. Mr. Harris is at present a B. I. student.

FIRST DAUGHTER—

Mr. ('46-'48) and Mrs. Clifford Habegger are proud of their first daughter, Mary Lou, born September 27 at Fort Wayne. Mary Lou has two brothers. Mr. Habegger is a B. I. student.

NOW MARRIED—

Eudene King ('44) and Levi Keidel, Jr., were married September 24 at the Flanagan Mennonite Church, near Flanagan, Illinois, by Rev. C. E. Rediger. Mr. Keidel is a ministerial student at a university, and Mrs. Keidel is studying French, in preparation for the mission field.

Dorothy Lehman ('44) became Mrs. William Rosenberger August 14 at the Baptist Church, Spring Arbor, Michigan. Mrs. Rosenberger formerly taught music at B. I. and for two years was assistant teacher in music at Spring Arbor Free Methodist Junior College. Now she is doing assistantship teaching at Michigan State College, East Lansing, while working for her M.A. degree.

FLYING to God's Appointment—

Because of the maritime strike on the west coast, Don and Faythe Rohrs (both '48) flew to the Hawaiian Islands on Friday, Oct. 15, instead of going by boat as scheduled.

Helen Burley ('46), Hazel Shoup ('46), and Ruth Zollner ('48) are booked to fly to Sierra Leone, West Africa, November 15 from Springfield, Missouri, on the Assemblies of God plane AMBASSADOR.

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HERE and THERE—

Recent visitors at B. I. were Rev. Bob Treat ('39), who is doing missionary work in Alaska, and Miss Mina Roth ('44). (Lunch-time hikes were a favorite pastime of Helen Burley and Mina during B. I. days. They had a good reason—???)

Esther Krueger ('48) is working at the Riverside Christian Training School, Lost Creek, Ky. Esther writes: "I have charge of the cooking and also the dining room. They tell me there will be 90 boarding students. They have a coal stove, and I have a time getting the stove hot enough to get things to cooking. I'm not used to a coal stove."

A note of praise from Virginia Maxine Miller ('47), missionary worker under the Rural Home Missionary Association: "Greetings again in our Savior's name from Rosedale, Indiana! It is with real thankfulness that I returned to this field of work on September 18th, after having been ill and at my home since June 12th. I wish to thank you each one who remembered me in prayer during this summer. God has been blessing in many ways, and we thank Him for this."

Clara Lou Stucky ('47) is keep-

ing busy in nurses' training at the Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago. "Stucky" was assistant cook at B. I. last year.

Wauneta Shoup ('45), who resigned her duties as secretary to the dean this fall, is doing visitation work for her home church at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Harry and Marie McElhone (both '48) are at home in Phoenix, Arizona. Harry attends State College and Marie is working; both are active in church work in Phoenix. Next year they plan to attend Taylor University.

Sarah Matthews ('48) was to begin work with Miss Poter among the Christian Union Churches in Southern Ohio the middle of September. "It will be hard work, but I believe the Lord doesn't promise easy work. Please remember me in your prayers.—Sarah."

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THE UTTERMOST PARTS—

From **Mrs. Gladys Reifel** (nee Chapman) ('45), Nigeria, Africa: "Several have seemed so opened to the gospel lately. We thank God for a real spirit of conviction to fall on these people. When they see themselves as sinners before God, they will become interested in taking some action. It's hard for them to see there is only one way to heaven. Pray much for the people." Of course, Gladys had to add a word about the two little bits of sunshine—Connie and Earl—that she and Art have in their home in dark Africa.

From **Miss Leona Lehner** ('43), Ecuador, S. A., one of the missionaries supported by the Students' Mission Band: "The enemy puts up a stiff fight, seeking to discourage and defeat in one way or another. How wonderful it is that 'greater is He that is in you, than

he that is in the world.' Our sure hope is to utterly depend on the Lord, in whom we have victory over the enemy. . . . I also want to speak a word of praise to the Lord for all He does for me and means to me. The Lord answers prayer, and I am encouraged in Him. I do want to ever be faithful to Him, to be a vessel pliable in His hands to use at His will and for His glory."

From **Rev. and Mrs. Waldo Schindler** (both '29), Gabon, French Equatorial Africa: "It is indeed a pleasure to tell you about our new appointment. The people of the entire Koula Moutou area, representing approximately 100,000 men and women of taxable age, earnestly appealed to us to bring them the Message to meet the need of their hungry hearts."

FROM THE PRESIDENT
united first of all with Him and the Father by the Spirit of regeneration. "I in them," said Jesus, "and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one." In this union His followers would share His life, they would be motivated by His love, they would be directed according to His will. One in an unbroken force they would carry on after His death. In this inner, vital unity they would bear testimony to the world: "That the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Finally, the Lord Jesus prayed for the sanctification of His followers: "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." He wanted His followers to be clean and pure. He wanted them to be cleansed from mean self-seeking that had marred their lives so many times before. He wanted their lives filled with His passion and love. Therefore, He prayed: "Sanctify them through thy truth."

theless does provide an opportunity to select more carefully than heretofore those who are to be trained in our institutions of learning. . . .

We realize that there is a tremendous variation among the Bible schools of our land and that some are able to provide a much broader training than others. It used to be that any Bible institute graduate who wished to go on to college to secure a general education could do so. Today, the demand for admission to our Christian colleges is so great that only a fraction of those wishing to obtain admission can be accommodated. This presents a new problem to our Bible schools who wish to see their graduates fully trained for Christian service. It appears that the time has come for our Bible schools to provide not only a sound training in Bible and related subjects, but also a broad general education to prepare our young people for positions of leadership. In some instances, this may necessitate adding a year or two to the curriculum. In other cases, it may necessitate more emphasis on the courses that are academic in character.

While I believe that the Bible schools should endeavor to provide a general education for those needing it, I think it would be a mistake if our Bible schools were to imitate the Christian liberal arts college. I do not say that because I fear competition, but I believe the Bible schools would lose a good deal of their present distinctiveness and value if such a change were to come about. . . . I am sure I speak for the registrars of other Christian colleges when I say that we wish you God-speed in your efforts to strengthen the work in your institutions and assure you of our whole-hearted co-operation. The entire cause of Christian education will be strengthened as you raise the standards in your institutions. We are co-laborers together with God. Let us expect great things from Him!

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been just as faithful as the five-talented man. Consequently he received exactly the same commendation and the same reward. Thus it is seen that it is not the amount with which we are entrusted that determines the nature of our reward, but our faithfulness in using whatever has been committed to our trust. This should be a great encouragement to all of us. We should not, however, conclude by this that all believers will be given exactly the same reward. The parable of the pounds (Luke 19:11-27) indicates that rewards will be based upon the degree of faithfulness. If one is ten times as faithful as another, he will be given ten times as great a reward.

Finally, the man who had buried his talent was made to appear also.

It is significant that he came last. No doubt he was ashamed to report, and yet it is to be observed that he who had done nothing had the most to say. His speech, however, betrayed his character. It is often so. He sought to justify himself by slandering his master who had been very considerate of him. His master knew his limitations and therefore required less of him than of the other two. It would have been just as possible for him as for them to double the amount received. Had he done so, he would have been rewarded exactly as the others, for each would have gained one hundred per cent.

Because this slothful servant had neglected to use his talent it was finally taken away from him and given to the one who had five talents. If we do not use, we lose.

Dwell Deep

By J. E. Ramseyer

A Christmas Suggestion

DWELL DEEP is a collection of the choicest devotional messages of Reverend J. E. Ramseyer, the late President of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute and able exponent of the Spirit-filled life. Many are receiving inspiration and help from a perusal of its pages.

One alumnus writes: "I want to also commend . . . the fine piece of editorial work . . . done on the volume 'Dwell Deep.' Brother Ramseyer's ministry was unique, and in him many of us were able to recognize, unquestionably and authentically, the image of God."

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